

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 Thursday, March 24, 2016
 MEETING MINUTES
 DR. LARRY GASCO, CHAIRMAN, FACILITATING

APPROVED – April 28, 2016
MSC: DeBose/Lue/Unanimous

Presenter	Discussion	Recommendation/Action/Motion/
Call to Order by Chairman Gasco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call – Canetana Hurd Absent Excused: Victoria Sofro, Arnold Gilberg, Herman DeBose, Howard Askins, Jo Helen Graham Absent: Fred Leaf 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of February 25, 2016 minutes 	Minutes approved: February 25, 2016 MSC – De La Torre/Cooperberg/Unanimous
Dr. Larry Gasco Chairman’s Report	<p>Chairman thanked those who volunteer to assist Commission staff set up meetings.</p> <p>Chairman thanked Vice Chair Herman DeBose for attending and conducting meetings while he was on jury duty.</p> <p>SAAC Co-Chair/MHC Chair Meeting – Terry Lewis, Executive Director: Presentations made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on new SAAC webpage and SAAC brochures from Program Support Bureau staff • Cultural Competency Advisory group whose function is to ensure that cultural competency is infused in DMH planning, service delivery and evaluation activities. • SAAC Co-Chair reports SAAC 1 – Proposals to develop urgent care centers are in process. SAAC 2 – Discussions continue on priorities and work on Innovations 2 SAAC 3 – Directly operated clinic will open in 	ACTION:

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	<p>Covina by July 1, 2016.</p> <p>SAAC 4 – Welcome three new Co-Chairs. Main area of focus is homelessness</p> <p>SAAC 5 – Completed draft of first comprehensive report. Members continue to address supportive housing and homelessness</p> <p>SAAC 6 – Presentation given by a program from St. Anne’s Community Services. New member applications are being accepted.</p> <p>SAAC 7 – Work continues on Innovations 2 strategies. The membership process is in its final stages.</p> <p>SAAC 8 – Follow up discussion on Speed Networking. Speed networking allows agencies to interact and connect to accomplish shared goals.</p>	
	<p>Executive Committee Meeting Update</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>IAB meeting report – Catherine Clay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on housing • Continue to formulate subcommittees • Continue to work on report to BOS <p>IBHIS (DMH) vs ORHID (DHS)– Dr. Robert Greenless, DMH Chief Information Officer (CIO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIO reported on IBHIS history and gave highlights of live projects. • CIO hired a consultant group to provide assessment on how both systems will communicate. Results due June 2016. 	
	<p>Staff Report – Terry Lewis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman will request volunteers for 2016 Nominations Committee in April for the June election. • Suggested date for annual retreat – June 4 at 	

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	<p>Sportsman’s Lodge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Commission meeting on April 28 at St. Anne’s will start at 10:30 am. <p>Commission’s role in Mental Health Director Interview Process –</p> <p>Dr. Kay advised Commission to send letter to DHR and remind Dr. Katz where Commission fits in the selection process.</p> <p>2016 Executive Committee Officer Nomination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman announced that he will not run again for Chairman. • Nomination process will be discussed at next Executive Committee in April. 	<p>ACTION - Commission will update previous letter sent to Dr. Katz regarding the Commission’s role according to the WIC.</p> <p>ACTION – Request status of Mental Health Director recruitment process from DHR so that Commission will not miss the opportunity to participate in the process according to the WIC.</p>
<p>Robin Kay, PhD Acting Director</p>	<p>DMH Report:</p> <p>Dr. Kay extended congratulations to Cathy Warner, Deputy Director, Adult Systems of Care and Service Area 6 on her retirement at the end of this month.</p> <p>Gave update on expanded management discussion on near term initiatives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-envision/reimagining plan for DMH – Change self-concept. Move beyond bricks and mortar concepts. The work of DMH is increasingly field based. Co-located programs and law enforcement expansion 2. Extending reach – DMH proposed budget is \$2.3 billion. DMH must partner with other entities to act as navigators, ambassadors, and clergy caregivers to grow efforts and extend its work. 3. Access to care – Roll out initiatives to track the timeline for care in directly operated clinics. The eConcept system can set real time appointments. 	

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	<p>The software will alert clients of vacant appointments available real time.</p> <p>4. Contracting – draft language to promote financial viability of contract agencies to allow final shifts that capture revenue, and meet quality outcome measures</p> <p>Health Neighborhoods Health neighborhood developments were added in Pico-Robertson and West Hollywood areas.</p> <p>Board has approved 8 social work positions placed in the health neighborhood communities.</p> <p>Working on board directives for homelessness, expanding services to children and youth, and jail diversion initiatives.</p> <p>New Initiatives from State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1115 Waiver regulations for whole person care will identify needs of populations at risk. People with mental health issues will be included in the populations. • Benefits to issue meds were transferred to DPH. Contract agencies and directly operated programs will apply to DPH for benefits and certification. Identify DMH role in drug Medi-Cal certification. <p>Women’s Reintegration Program Five goals were discussed for the program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop wellness and re-establish peer self-help support groups 2. Identify open/closed therapy groups so that appointments are not diverged 	

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	<p>3. Access to shelter bed program</p> <p>4. High school diploma and GED program. (DMH will provide transportation, e.g., bus tokens, for women who qualify)</p> <p>5. Court mandated programs. Working with DCFS to clarify if classes are funded and available to the women on site. If not, DMH will pay for the required classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anger management • Parenting • Domestic violence <p>Cathy Warner commented on the requirement of the classes.</p>	
	<p>Legislative Report – Susan Rajlal, Legislative Analyst</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislature continues to review bills and negotiations • Hearings began April 1 – May 31 • SB 614 Peer Certification – DHCS agreed to contract out training and certification component of the bills 	
	<p>Women’s Reintegration Meeting Update -- Catherine Clay and Dr. Robin Kay met regarding issues with the program.</p> <p>Ms. Clay provided an update on the issues that have not changed until the women announced to go public to the media about the negative treatment received from DMH staff at the center.</p> <p>The program and community continues to be underserved and underrepresented because they do not understand the ethnic or cultural differences.</p>	

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	<p>The women who spoke up in the past on the negative treatment experienced retaliation. Their volunteer badges were taken so they are no longer permitted to participate in the program.</p> <p>Commissioner Lyle comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reunification of the family • Contacted training resources to bring the women up from a poverty principle with pay. <p>Commissioner Kelly further engaged Ms. Clay to give input from a consumer point of view on the 5 goals discussed above by Dr. Robin Kay</p> <p>Status on goal #1 – Were you contacted regarding the re-development of peer support help groups? Response: Ms. Clay was only contacted. The other participants have not been looped back in the program.</p> <p>Status on goal #2 – Are group classes being identified as open or closed for women to choose from weekly? Response: Classes are open one day per week which is not reflected on the calendar.</p> <p>Status on goal #3 – Access to shelter Response: Not aware of anyone having access to shelter</p> <p>Several women from the program spoke on the negative treatment received from the DMH staff at the facility.</p>	
<p>Wellness Center Update Cathy Warner and Scott</p>	<p>Due to time constraints the wellness center update will be presented at a later date</p>	<p>ACTION – Book another date for the Wellness Center update</p>

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School Based Mental Health Services, Bryan Mershon, PhD	Announcement	ACTION – Rescheduled for June 23, 2016 meeting
Public Comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stipends for supportive employment 2. Services for veteran in the Antelope Valley 3. Security in 550 Building was unfair to guest with proper ID. 4. Wants a box in lobby to pick up approved CAF copies. Hassle to get access to 5th Floor or staff unavailable. 5. Update on safety of family member with conservatorship and court decision. Lack of treatment for co-occurring disorders. 6. Comment – Inadequate funds for training 7. Update – United in Recovery Hope and Recovery conference date June 22 8. Shared comment on statements made by the women from the center and Hope and Recovery conference. 	
Commissioners' Report	Commissioner Lyle Question – Who handles recruitment for SB 82 volunteers?	ACTION – Maria Funk is the contact person
SAAC 1 Report Wendy Cabil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke about training attended 	
SAAC 2 Report Barbara Wilson and Patricia Russell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving forward with INN 2 priorities • More family members are speaking out at SAAC meetings which improves understanding of their challenge • Law enforcement attendance is low and attitudes when engaging with women is still challenging. 	
SAAC 3 Report	No report	
SAAC 4 Report	No report	

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SAAC 5 Report Celinda Jungheim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edelman Clinic staff and Wellness Center (Olympic and Sepulveda) was temporarily relocated due to rain damage • Presentation on 1115 Waiver – John Conley from DPH • Speed Networking presentation by Steve Goodwin 	
SAAC 6 Report Dorothy Banks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INN2 and role of SAAC • Revisiting membership process • Discussion on UREP to USCC name change • In reference to women’s reintegration issue, understanding the culture of the clients served is very important 	
SAAC 7 Report	No report	
SAAC 8 Report	No Report	
Meeting adjourned MSC: Scott/Kelly	Next Meeting – April 28, 2016 @ 10:30 – 11 am St. Anne’s Community Services 155 N. Occidental Street Los Angeles, CA 90026	

Highlights by Canetana Hurd